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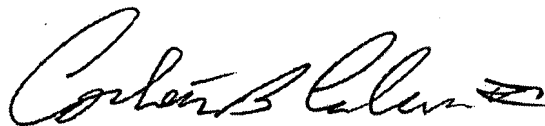
### DETAILED ACTION

1. Appellant's Reply Brief of 22 March 2007 has been received and will be forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30, Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

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